

Lowland Peruvian Quechua

Lowland Peruvian Quechua, or **Chachapoyas–Lamas Quechua**, are Quechuan languages spoken in the lowlands of northern Peru. The two principal varieties are,

- Lamas Quechua, or San Martín Quechua (Lamista, Llakwash Runashimi), spoken in Lamas Province in San Martín Region and in some villages on the Huallaga River in the Ucayali Region by some 15,000 people
- Chachapoyas Quechua or Amazonas Quechua, spoken in Chachapoyas Province and Luya Province in the Amazonas Region by some 7000 people
- Southern Pastaza Quechua, or Inga, spoken in the province of Datem del Marañón in the Loreto Region along the Huasaga, Manchari, and Pastaza rivers by approximately 3500 people.

Few children are learning Chachapoyas Quechua. Conila is said to be the last village where children are able to speak it.

Lowland Peruvian Quechua is quite similar in pronunciation to the Ecuadorian Kichwa language. However, it has not been grammatically simplified (creolized?) to the same extent. For example, Lowland Peruvian maintains the inclusive/exclusive distinction for "we".

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	Chachapoyas–Lamas Quechua
Native to	Peru
Native speakers	22,000 (2000–2003) ^[1]
Language family	Quechuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quechua II ▪ Northern ▪ Lowland Peruvian Quechua
	Language codes
ISO 639-3	Variously: qvs – Lamas (San Martín) quk – Chachapoyas qup – Southern Pastaza Quechua
Glottolog	sanm1289 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sanm1289) Lamas ^[2] chac1250 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/chac1250) Chachapoyas ^[3] sout2990 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sout2990) Southern Pastaza Quechua ^[4]

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